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Requiring the President to submit to Congress a plan for the withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Iraq, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. MILLER of North Carolina) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) United States Armed Forces initiated com-
6 bat operations against the military of the Saddam
7 Hussein regime on March 19, 2003, and concluded
8 those operations in April 2004 with the defeat of the

1 Iraqi military and the collapse of the Hussein re-
2 gime.

3 (2) United States Armed Forces personnel have
4 remained in Iraq since the beginning of combat op-
5 erations, and now number approximately 148,000.

6 (3) United States Armed Forces personnel have
7 served with great distinction and valor in Iraq, and
8 have earned the commendation and thanks of the
9 United States Congress and the American people.

10 (4) An interim government of Iraq assumed
11 sovereignty at the end of June 2004, and conducted
12 an election on January 30, 2005, for a transitional
13 National Assembly to draft a permanent constitution
14 for Iraq.

15 (5) The Iraqi people ratified the permanent
16 constitution by a referendum conducted on October
17 15, 2005, and parliamentary elections under that
18 constitution are now scheduled for December 15,
19 2005.

20 (6) The President has failed to state clearly the
21 mission of the United States Armed Forces in Iraq
22 or to set forth a specific plan or a time frame for
23 accomplishing that mission.

24 (7) That failure has contributed to a belief
25 among Iraqis that the United States intends to oc-

1 cupy Iraq on a long term basis, which has fueled an
2 insurgency with escalating violence.

3 (8) The ratification of the Iraqi constitution
4 and the scheduled parliamentary elections are crit-
5 ical steps in establishing a functional, stable govern-
6 ment in Iraq, and present an opportunity for the
7 United States to establish a plan to withdraw United
8 States Armed Forces from Iraq that would support
9 the legitimacy of the Iraqi Government and the as-
10 sumption of responsibility by Iraqi forces for secu-
11 rity and public safety.

12 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

13 Congress declares that it is the policy of the United
14 States—

15 (1) to begin withdrawing United States Armed
16 Forces from Iraq;

17 (2) to recognize the elected Government of Iraq
18 as the legitimate government of a fully sovereign
19 country with control over its natural resources, secu-
20 rity, and public safety within its borders;

21 (3) to accelerate the training of Iraqi forces
22 able to provide for the security of Iraq, and to urge
23 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, other inter-
24 national organizations, and other countries to par-
25 ticipate in that training;

1 (4) to complete the withdrawal of United States
2 Armed Forces personnel occupying Iraq in an or-
3 derly manner, relinquishing to the Government of
4 Iraq full responsibility for maintaining security and
5 public safety;

6 (5) to transfer to Iraqi security forces all bases
7 now used by United States Armed Forces, and to
8 maintain no permanent bases or other long term
9 United States military presence in Iraq;

10 (6) to support reconstruction efforts by the
11 Government of Iraq and to help involve the inter-
12 national community in those and other stabilization
13 efforts;

14 (7) to provide diplomatic and political support
15 to the Government of Iraq to achieve stability and
16 an enduring democracy; and

17 (8) to prosecute without quarter a war on ter-
18 rorist organizations and networks around the world.

19 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS TO IMPLEMENT POLICY.**

20 Not later than 30 days after agreement on this Joint
21 Resolution, the President shall submit to Congress a re-
22 port on the President's plan to implement the policy de-
23 scribed in section 2. The report shall describe—

24 (1) a plan for withdrawing United States
25 Armed Forces from Iraq, including—

1 (A) a date for an initial withdrawal of
2 forces;

3 (B) the expected time period for com-
4 pleting the withdrawal; and

5 (C) any circumstances deemed relevant to
6 completing the withdrawal; and

7 (2) the remaining mission of United States
8 Armed Forces in Iraq, including—

9 (A) the plan to achieve that mission; and

10 (B) an explanation of how that mission ad-
11 vances the timely withdrawal of United States
12 Armed Forces.

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